



Reflection

“Born with a silver spoon in his mouth.” That’s how Satan saw Jesus – as a man whose divine nature gave him power and privilege without limit. Satan calculated that if he could entice Jesus into abusing that power and privilege, he could prove that it was Satan who was the powerful one. But that was a serious miscalculation, because for Jesus, power meant nothing outside his work in service to God.

When I reflect, I realize that I lead a privileged life. For many people, myself included, the very fact of our education, social status, age, gender, race or even our religion afford us a different experience of life from other people in our world. The temptation offered to us is, as it was for Jesus in the desert, to take that privilege for granted or to abuse any power we have to gain an edge on others.

In Lent, the Church offers us an opportunity to realize what privilege or power we enjoy; to examine how we are using or abusing it; and to make changes that put God first. In today’s celebration, let us thank God for this chance to do a reset, to realize that all is gift and that God’s gifts are to be used in the service of God and others.

Margaret Bick; North York, ON

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

Responsorial Psalm:

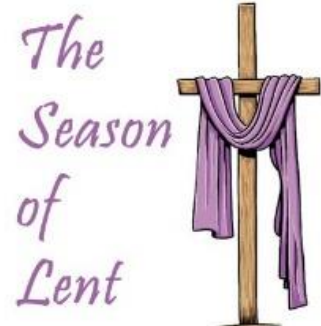
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Daylight Saving Time

Spring Forward! Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep next Saturday, so you’re not late for Mass on Sunday. ☺



Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ’s passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at **6 p.m.** (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for children
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Parish Groups responsible for leading the Stations of the Cross:

Tue. Mar. 8	Scouts
Fri. Mar. 11	Holy Rosary Society
Tue. Mar. 15	Knights of Columbus
Fri. Mar. 18	Domestic Church
Tue. Mar. 22	Altar Servers
Fri. Mar. 25	Krucjata Wyzwolenia Czlowieka
Tue. Mar. 29	Fr. Mariusz Bosek (in Polish)
Fri. Apr. 1	Families of John Paul II
Tue. Apr. 5	Oblate Youth
Fri. Apr. 8	Gold Rose Apostolate

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

If you would like to contribute, you may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the parish website: www.kolbe.ca. In the “note” section, please write: **Ukraine**.
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **St. Maximilian Kolbe Church**. In the “memo” line, please write: **Ukraine**
- On **Sunday, March 13** during the second collection.

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war.

Plenary Indulgence during Lent

During Lent, plenary indulgence under regular conditions may be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations, as well as by praying “It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” on each Friday of Lent.



Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children. In our parish, this campaign takes the form of silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs for the duration of Lent. We strongly encourage the entire parish to join us in praying to save the lives of unborn children. **All that is needed is an hour of your time.**

Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child



Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child will take place on **Friday, March 25th** – the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**

What is Spiritual Adoption? It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child’s parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms are displayed in the entrance to the parish office and chapel. For more information call Krystyna at (905) 897-0550 or visit <http://www.duchowaadopcja.info/>

Book of Sobriety

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to take up abstinence from alcohol. The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety, so that there are no more people and families among us who suffer from alcohol, smoking, and drug addictions. A **Book of Sobriety** is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent.

Easter Greeting Cards

Easter Greeting Cards (in Polish) are available for purchase this Sunday. All proceeds will support the initiatives of the Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. Ivan Camilleri will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on **Saturday, March 26 at 4 p.m.** (There will be no Mass at 5 p.m.)

Sacrament of Eucharist

First Communion dates are as follows:

May 7 at 4 p.m. in English
Ms. Victoria’s class

May 8 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
Ms. Eva’s and Ms. Magda’s class

May 14 at 4 p.m. in English
Ms. Veronica’s class

May 15 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
Ms. Teresa’s and Ms. Caroline’s class

May 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
Sister Halina’s class

Rosary intention for March

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Intentions for Wednesday Mass

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted by calling the parish office on weekdays before 5 p.m.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

Offertory envelopes for 2022 can be picked up from the church hallway. Please do not use envelopes from previous years.

Second Collection

March 13 – Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

March 20 – Building Fund

March 27 – Share Life

Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus will meet in the parish hall on **Tuesday, March 8** after the evening Mass.

Coffee, Donuts, Pierogi

Oblate Youth is selling coffee and donuts after each Sunday Mass. If you gave up sweets and coffee for Lent, then come down for some pierogi. Contactless payment now available!

Our Church is Open

On March 1, 2022, capacity limits and physical distancing requirements were lifted for places of worship in the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Please note that masks are still mandatory.** Cardinal Collins writes: “The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply.”

Office Hours

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday: closed
Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Parish Website

www.kolbe.ca

Calendar of Saints

March 7th • Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity. Perpetua was a noblewoman and Felicity was a slave. Both were killed for their faith in the year 203.

March 8th • Saint John of God is a patron of hospitals and the sick.

March 9th • Saint Frances of Rome founded a community of Benedictine oblates.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

A Lenten Prayer

Look with favor, Lord,
on your household.
Grant that,
though our flesh be humbled
by abstinence from food,
our souls, hungering after you,
may be resplendent in your sight.

- Pope Pius V

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, March 7th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Edmund, Barbara, Genowefa Cyzio – Wieslawa and family
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross for Children**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Eugeniusz Kozacz – daughter-in-law and family
✠ Antoni Oleszczuk and parents on both sides

TUESDAY, March 8th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Jan Siemaszko and family – children
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in English**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Foremny (3rd anniv.), Janina & Stanislaw Niziolek, Wincenty Rajchel – Rygiel family
✠ Members of the Sulej, Kostrubiec, and Wojcik families – granddaughter and family

WEDNESDAY, March 9th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Szafranek (3rd anniv.) – sister and family
✠ Antonina Mańka – Zamarlik family
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 10th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for daughters Izabela & Krystyna and their children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Julia Czerepak – children and grandchildren
✠ Jadwiga & Albin Pigiel – daughter and family

FRIDAY, March 11th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa Koza (2nd anniv.) – daughter Barbara
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents and siblings – daughter and sister Zuzanna
✠ Albina & Jan Brozny and their sons
Kazimierz & Jan – son and family

SATURDAY, March 12th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Slawomir Kotowski (1st anniv.) – parents and sister
17⁰⁰ ✠ Lucyna Ulecka (27th anniv.) – son, daughter, and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Genowefa & Tadeusz Gabiga

SUNDAY, March 13th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Panasiewicz – daughter and family
9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Grayson Kucz on the 1st anniv. of his baptism – grandparents
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Julia (1st anniv.) and Aleksander (5th anniv.) Czerepak – children and grandchildren
14³⁰ ✠ Roman Janusz (10th anniv.) – daughters and family
18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw & Stanislaw Wspanialy – son Krzysztof